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Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award Final Report

Project Title	Alumni Dinner
Name of School	Adelphi University
Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Number	124
Total Amount Awarded	\$497.75
Project Leader	John Dellatto

Summary of Award Activity

The Adelphi University Alumni Dinner was held in order for the current Adelphi Physics students to talk to the alumni to see how each alumnus reached their current profession. The event started off with the introduction portion, where the alumni introduced themselves and students asked questions. This was followed up by the dinner portion, where the students could further engage the alumni while everyone enjoyed dinner.

Statement of Activity

Overview of Award Activity

The goal of the Alumni Dinner was to have the current Adelphi undergraduate students ask how each of the alumni ended up in his/her current position. Since Adelphi offers a Physics degree and a Combined Engineering degree with Columbia University, it was great that there were some alumni that continued in physics and some that went towards engineering. One of the alumni in the video call went for an engineering degree and then became a lawyer. The project was pretty straight forward in getting the alumnus to come to the event or participate in the video call. The real challenge was to get the undergraduate students to come to the event. The main targeted audience for the dinner was the young undergraduates that are in their first or second year at Adelphi. The point was to help students branch out, and to show them that they have many professional options. The Alumni Dinner was held at the Adelphi University Alumni Hall. It has enough space to fit about 100 people comfortably. The main hall had five round tables each able to fit 10 people. At the front, there was a panel where the alumni sat in the beginning of the dinner. There was also a screen which relayed video chats of alumni that wanted to come to the event but could not actually reach Adelphi University. The food was sectioned off to the side where it was not in the way of the students or alumni.

Impact Assessment: How the Project/Activity/Event Met the Purpose of the Award

The undergraduate students of Adelphi's physics program engaged the alumni by asking questions about how each alumnus ended up in the position he/she is currently in. There were some alumni that participated in the Combined Columbia Engineering program and some that continued into the field of Physics. One of the alumni went to Columbia for the Combined program and later went back to school to become a lawyer. The students were able to learn about the various career paths that they were able to travel, as well as the upside and downside of each path. The dinner gave the undergraduates a chance to look towards the future and ask where they saw themselves in ten years, and with the advice of the alumni decide what were the best choices to get them there.

Key Metrics and Reflection

Who was the target audience of your project?	The target audience of this project was the freshmen and sophomore physics major students.
How many attendees/participants were directly impacted by your project? Please describe them (for example “3 alumni” or “10 physics majors”).	10 alumni, 21 physics major, 4 faculty members
How many students from your ΣΠΣ chapter were involved in the activity, and in what capacity?	Four students from ΣΠΣ were involved in the activity. The students advertised the event to the undergraduates, reserved a space for the dinner, and cleared all the paperwork needed to have Adelphi University recognize it as an event.
Was the amount of money you received from ΣΠΣ sufficient to carry out the activities outlined in your proposal? Could you have used additional funding? If yes, how much would you have liked and how would the additional funding have augmented your activity?	The amount of money received was sufficient to carry out the activities. Additional funding was not required for the Alumni Dinner.
Do you anticipate repeating this project/activity/event in the future, or having a follow-up project/activity/event? If yes, please describe.	We anticipate repeating this event in the future. It would be held every two years so the students that went to one previously would see different alumni.
What new relationships did you build through this project?	N/A
If you were to do your project again, what would you do differently?	I would not do much differently if I were to do this project again.

Expenditures

Expenditure Table

Item	Cost
Chicken Parmagiana	90.00
Baked Ziti	75.00
Penne Ala Vodka	65.00
Sausage and Peppers	85.00
2 L Soda	29.50
Water Service	24.00
Linen	64.00
Cookies	36.00
Brownies	29.25
Total of Expenses	497.75

Activity Photos

All photos are credited to Dr. Sean Bently



Students eating after the Q&A session



Video call of alumna that graduated from Adelphi last year



Video call of alumna that pursued engineering



Students that helped organize the event



Video call of alumnus that pursued physics



The food for the dinner



The front panel for the alumni that came to the actual dinner



The second year students engaging with alumni



Video call of the alumna that became a lawyer



Alumnus eating with students and a faculty member